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SUBJ: LOS: ARCHIPELAGO NEGOTIATIONS

1. JOHN NORTON MOORE, CHAIRMAN NSC INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON LOS AND DEPUTY SPECIAL REP OF THE PRESIDENT FOR THE LOS CONFERENCE, MET WITH CHARLES MOTT, COUNSELOR, AUSTRALIAN MISSION TO UN, AND DESCRIBED RECENT US-INDONESIAN CONSULTATIONS ON ARCHIPELAGOS AND PROVIDED MOTT WITH WRITTEN PROPOSALS WHICH US REPS GAVE TO GOI. MOORE TOLD MOTT OF AGREEMENT MADE BY OXMAN DURING RECENT CONSULTATIONS IN CANBERRA WITH GOA OFFICIALS IN WHICH US WOULD GIVE GOA OUR PROPOSALS ON ARCHIPELAGOS AND GOA WOULD GIVE AUSTRALIAN ARCHIPELAGO PAPER TO US. MOTT APPEARED TO BE UNAWARE OF US CONSULTATIONS IN INDONESIA AND WITH AGREEMENT TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON ARCHIPELAGOS WITH GOA, ALTHOUGH HE DID KNOW THE EXISTENCE OF GOA ARCHIPELAGO PAPER, WHICH HE IMPLIED WAS IN AN EARLY STAGE. MOORE STATED THAT US WOULD

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WELCOME AUSTRALIAN VIEWS ON US PROPOSALS AND THAT WE WOULD

OURSELVES BE PREPARED TO COMMENT ON AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL.

2. MOORE SAID THAT CONSULTATIONS ON JAKARTA HAD GONE WELL AND THAT HE WAS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT RESULTS. HE STRESSED COMMON US/AUSTRALIAN INTERESTS IN RESOLVING ARCHIPELAGO ISSUES IN A MANNER WHICH WOULD FULLY PROTECT NAVIGATIONAL INTERESTS. MOORE THAN SET OUT THREE CONDITIONS U.S. CONVEYED TO INDONESIANS AS NECESSARY FOR ACCOMMODATION IN WHICH US WOULD SUPPORT ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE IN AN OVERALL SATISFACTORY LOS TREATY. MOORE NOTED EXTREME SENSITIVITY OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS, EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US AND AUSTRALIA WOULD BE ABLE TO BE MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE ON THIS ISSUE. AT CONCLUSION, MOTT GAVE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT HE SAW NO REASON GOA WOULD INTERFERE WITH US-INDONESIAN NEGOTIATIONS. MOTT ALSO CLEARLY WELCOMED US-INDONESIAN INITIATIVE AND INDICATED THAT AUSTRALIANS HAD BEEN HOPING FOR JUST THIS KIND OF US INITIATIVE.
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